

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Hedberg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Jeff Hedberg, Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Jeff Perillo, Bob Tofeldt, Jonathan Boni, Bill DeBlasio, John Kennedy

Board Members Absent: Don Woods, Neal Forte, Ken Leggo

Staff: Bruce Till

Town Council Liaison: Jay Bottalico

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2009

Revision: Bob Tofeldt would like to add his praise to the staff for their hard work on Dennis' retirement party.

Motion: Bill DiBlasio made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2009; Mary Udice seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2008 was unanimously approved with an 8-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Public Participation

V. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

From the Superintendent:

- Boys Travel Basketball
 - Bruce informed the Board that he met with the Boys Travel Basketball representatives.
 - Bruce reviewed times available to the Boys Travel program and found there to have been more than enough gym time allotted to the Boy's Travel Basketball program.
 - Bruce also indicated that he would like to see Travel Basketball form a Board of Directors that does not consist of only coaches as well as the formation of bi-laws.

- **Preschool**
 - The Creative Playtime Preschool fees for the following year have been raised after the department conducted research on the pricing of comparable programs offered in town.
 - Creative Playtime Preschool remains the one of the lowest priced preschools in the area.
 - A discount is being offered to parents who sign their child up for multiple full day sessions and a payment plan has been established.
- **Parks & Recreation Department and Budget**
 - Bruce informed the Board that the third Recreation Supervisor position, as well as, Dennis's position would not be filled
 - There will be a part time Special Events Coordinator position that will be added to the recreation aspect of the department.
- **Golf Tournament**
 - Bruce informed the Board that, after speaking with Jeff Hedberg and Neal Forte about the Golf Tournament, they came to the conclusion that it might be in the best interest of the department not to run the Golf Tournament this year.
 - The Board felt that due to the economic situation it would be unfair to ask our sponsors to sponsor both the Golf Tournament and the Extravaganza.

Motion: Mary Udice made a motion to cancel the 2009 Golf Tournament; Jon Boni seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to cancel the 2009 Golf Tournament was unanimously approved with a 8-0 vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Turf Field

- Town Manager's office still has possession of the Request for Proposal
- The Town Council has approved the grant for the field.
- The Board would like to speak with the Town Manager, in addition to receiving information on the RFP.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2009 Extravaganza

- **Carnival**
 - Lion's Club has paid the police and Parks & Grounds staff bill for the 2008 carnival.
 - The Board is looking at having the carnival come the weekend before the Extravaganza with more rides and food available.

- The Board would also like this carnival to be run solely by the Parks & Recreation Department. Allowing the Lion's Club to have their own carnival at another time in the summer.

Motion: Mary Udice made a motion to have a Parks & Recreation sponsored carnival; Jon Boni seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to have a Parks & Recreation sponsored carnival was unanimously approved with an 8-0 vote.

- Music
 - The Board would like to use the Tirebiter band for another year before looking at other entertainment for the Music in the Park evening.
 - The Board has set a price of \$10.00 tickets and \$15.00 at the door.

Motion: Eileen Francolino made a motion to keep Tirebiter for the 2009 Music in the Park; Bill DiBlasio seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to keep Tirebiter for the 2009 Music in the Park was unanimously approved with an 8-0 vote.

- Movie Night
 - Tuesday of Extravaganza week will be the Movie Night.
 - The Board is looking to cover the cost of the evening with sponsors.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: John Kennedy made a motion to adjourn; Mary Udice seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:04 PM with an 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lach
Parks & Recreation Board Secretary

Date